



MINUTES

SOCIAL SERVICES APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 11, 2020 | 7:59 a.m. | 30 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Senate Chair
Rep. Paul Ray, House Chair
Rep. Raymond P. Ward, House Vice Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Daniel Hemmert
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Steve R. Christiansen
Rep. Kim F. Coleman
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Brad M. Daw
Rep. Sandra Hollins

Rep. Marsha Judkins
Rep. Norman K. Thurston

Members Absent:

President J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Rep. Adam Robertson

Staff Present:

Russell T. Frandsen, Finance Officer
Clare Tobin Lence, Finance Manager
Kimberly D. Madsen, Financial Analyst
An Bradshaw, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Christensen called the meeting to order at 8:22 a.m.

1 . Public Input on Topics on Today's Agenda

Gary Edwards, Director, Salt Lake County Health Department and representing the Utah Association of Local Health Departments, spoke for funding for ICF - ID.

Bill Cosgrove, pediatrician and Chair, Medicare Medical Care Advisory Committee, spoke in support of 12 month continuous enrollment.

Seth Andrews, Primary Children's Hospital, spoke in support of 12 month continuous enrollment.

2 . Requests for Appropriation

Russell Frandsen discussed alternative funding sources.

[5b1-Home Health Hub - Itemized Budget](#)

[5b2-Home Health Hub Development Performance Measures](#)

Sen. Iwamoto and Clay Watson, past president of Utah Health Information Network, presented the budget request for Coordination of Care for Older Adults Receiving Health Care Services.

Dr. Matt Hoffman, Chief Medical Informatics Officer, Utah Health Information Network, provided additional information.

Rep. Ward asked for clarification on the program and Dr. Matt Hoffman responded.

Russell Frandsen suggested alternative funding sources and Dr. Matt Hoffman responded.

[5e1-Updated - Fiscal Note American Indian - Alaska Native](#)

[5e2-S.B. 22 American Indian - Alaska Native Related Amendments](#)[5e3-Utah Navajo Health System Letter of Support](#)

Sen. Iwamoto presented the request for S.B. 22 American Indian-Alaska Native Related Amendments funding.

Rupert Steele, Chairman, Confederate Tribes of the Goshute, explained the need for funding to change the disparity in American Indian healthcare.

[5c1-Health Care Expenditure Waste Calculator - Itemized Budget](#)[5c2-Health Care Expenditure Waste Calculator - Performance Measures](#)

Rep. Suzanne Harrison and Rep. Thurston presented Health Care Expenditure Waste Calculator.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked for additional information and Rep. Thurston and Rep. Harrison responded.

Russell Frandsen asked about the possibility of billing Medicaid and Rep. Thurston responded.

Rep. Judkins asked where the savings go and Russell Frandsen responded.

Rep. Ward commented on the impossibility of knowing if savings actually occur and Rep. Thurston responded.

[5d1-2020 PC Budget](#)[5d2-2019 P L Monthly Summary](#)

Rep. Harrison presented Project Connection with the assistance of Lennie Knowlton, Executive Director, Project Connection.

[5f1-Itemized Budget - Memory Care RFA](#)

Sen. Hemmert presented Medicaid Rate Increase for Memory Care with the assistance of Dirk Anjewierden, Executive Director, Utah Health Care Association.

Sen. Weiler asked about Medicaid rates in surrounding states and Sen. Hemmert responded.

Rep. Judkins asked for more information and Dirk Anjewierden responded.

Tonya Hales, Assistant Division Director, Medicaid and Health Financing, Department of Health, provided information on the amount paid by Medicaid.

Dirk Anjweirden explained ICF - ID Quality Incentive Request.

Chair Christensen discussed the difficulty of prioritizing all funding.

Rep. Ward commented on the Disability Law Center's lawsuit.

Rep. Judkins asked what the difference is between EX and EJ on the yellow sheet and Russell Frandsen responded.

[5h1-Arent - Newborn Safe Haven - RFA Itemized Budget](#)[5h2-Arent - Newborn Safe Haven - RFA Performance Measures](#)

Rep. Arent presented the budget request for Newborn Safe Haven.

[5i1-Request for Appropriation - NCW](#)

[5i2-NCW Handout](#)

Kristy Chambers, Chief Executive Officer, and Wayne Niederhauser, board member, Columbus Community Center, presented the request for funding for Increase in New Choices Waiver Billing Rates.

Rep. Ward made a comment regarding the importance of treating the different waivers fairly.

Russell Frandsen provided information on the methods employed by different states in dealing with the program and Kristy Chambers responded.

Rep. Eliason presented the request for Medically Complex Childrens Waiver funding and invited Tonya Hales to assist.

Rep. Eliason presented the funding request for Hepatitis C Outreach Pilot Program.

[5I-Dunnigan - Medical Respite - Budget](#)

Kory Holdaway presented Medical Respite 1115 Medicaid Waiver on behalf of Rep. Dunnigan, with the assistance of Kim Correa, Executive Director, The INN Between.

3 . How to Increase Enrollment of Eligible but not Enrolled Children in Public Health Insurance Programs?

Rep. Ward introduced How to Increased Enrollment of Eligible but not Enrolled Children in Public Health Insurance Programs? and turned the time over to Jessie Mandle, Senior Health Policy Analyst, Voices for Utah Children.

Dr. Brian Shiozawa spoke on behalf of Primary Children's Hospital physicians and explained the need for funding the program.

Sheila Hubert, Community Health Connect, gave examples of families she has worked with and the difficulties they had in meeting the right criteria for Medicaid.

Rep. Ward provided examples of the current problems with low-income families having Medicaid or private insurance.

[5k-FY 2021 UDVC Business Case for Prevention Programming](#)

Jenn Oxborrow, Executive Director, Utah Domestic Violence Coalition, presented the funding request for Statewide Sexual Assault Prevention Program at the request of Rep. Romero.

Russell Frandsen asked for clarification on the requested funding and Jenn Oxborrow and Rep. Romero responded.

4 . Medicaid Spending Statewide - Issue Brief

Russell Frandsen explained the Medicaid Spending Statewide - Issue Brief.

Chair Christensen made a comment on the counties' portion of the Medicaid budget and asked for clarification and Russell Frandsen responded.

Chair Christensen gave instructions to the committee for the upcoming two days of voting on motions.



MOTION: Rep. Ray moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 9.

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Sen. A. Christensen
Rep. S. Christiansen
Rep. K. Coleman
Sen. K. Grover
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. M. Judkins
Rep. P. Ray
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. B. Daw
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. D. Hemmert
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Chair Christensen adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.